FISCAL NOTE

SB 2687 - HB 2663

February 26, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides that a person also commits the offense of aggravated child abuse and neglect who manufactures or produces methamphetamine in a habitation, building or structure knowing that a child is present in such habitation, building or structure. This offense is punishable as a Class B felony, if the child is over six years of age, with 100% of the sentence, less sentence credits, to be served. If a child is six years of age or under, the offense is punishable as a Class A felony with 100% of the sentence, less sentence credits, to be served.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$ 25,133,200/Incarceration*

Estimate assumes 90 additional convictions for aggravated child abuse and neglect of children over six years of age, a Class B felony, and 90 additional convictions for aggravated child abuse and neglect of children six years of age and under, a Class A felony. Persons committing this offense are required to serve 100% of the sentence less 15% sentence credits.

*Section 9-4-210, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated for operating cost, in current dollars, shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years, beginning with the year the additional sentence to be served impacts the correctional facilities population.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director